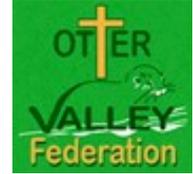


# Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 9th January 2026

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Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to everyone! I've been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled back in to the new term. We are excited about what's coming up this term and class teachers will be sending home a newsletter to explain what learning and activities are taking place.

Something to support children's social skills that we are introducing is called the Zones of Regulation. This is a colour coded approach that enables children to identify how they're feeling and teaches them vocabulary to express it. There's more details on this on the pages following.

In our Collective Worship times this half term, we will be looking at some different Bible stories that relate to our school HEART values, but this time exploring our spirituality (curiosity) - what questions do we have? And using zones of regulation, how are different characters feeling in the story? This week we looked at the story of the lost sheep, and decided that we were most curious about why the shepherd would leave the 99 sheep to rescue the 1. What might happen to the other sheep? What does it tell us about God's love for us? We decided that it sends a message that God loves everyone and no-one is insignificant for him. A good thing to remember as we start a new year!

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	98.44%
1	98.15%
2	93.33%
3	94.44%
4	97.44%
5	95.83%
6	100%
Whole School	96.77%

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mr Pete Button

Head of School

Dates to Remember :

**January** Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Children return to school—start of Spring Term

Monday 19th January 2026—Maple Class (Year 1 and 2) Multiskills at Kings (am)

Tuesday 13th January 2026—Swimming for Willow Class begins (afternoons)

**February**

Friday 13th February 2026—end of first half term

Monday 23rd February 2026—start of second half term

**April** Thursday 2nd April 2026—End of Spring term

# Heart Values Awards



**Hazel** - Luca —reflection - making good choices and being an excellent role model.

**Maple** - Maggie — Showing love to others and being a kind friend. Also for working hard to help create a caring learning environment for everyone.

**Willow** - Thomas— Achievement and Empathy - For always doing the right thing, trying his best and also being the first to ask if he can help out around class or do any jobs.

**Oak** - Timmy— A fine start to the term, particularly with his fraction work in maths



We are happy to speak to any person at any time with regard to the safety of children. If you have any concerns please contact:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead for Otter Valley Federation:**  
Amanda Fulford, Executive Headteacher

**Safeguarding Governor:** Mark Humphries

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Pete Button, Head of School

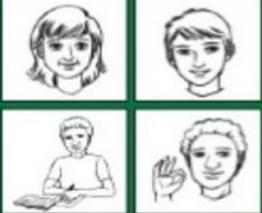
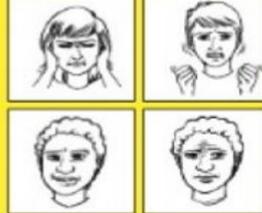
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Richard Hatswell,  
Teacher

**Alternatively you can contact MASH on 0345 155 1071**

## Zones Of Regulation

Below is an illustration of the different zones. Do get your child to explain them to you.

### The **ZONES** of Regulation®

			
<p><b>BLUE ZONE</b></p> <p>Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly</p>	<p><b>GREEN ZONE</b></p> <p>Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn</p>	<p><b>YELLOW ZONE</b></p> <p>Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control</p>	<p><b>RED ZONE</b></p> <p>Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control</p>

### Parking

A reminder please to park safely and sensibly and avoid the road below Willow steps (upper site). We had had several mornings where this has caused some problems for other road users. Please use the car park, or find another safer spot in the village. I do appreciate it is difficult especially at busy times, but hope you appreciate the safety of our children (and others) is more important!

We are expecting some yellow lines to be painted at some point soon to act as a reminder of this expectation.

## Could You Be Our Next Otter Valley Federation Governor?

We are looking to recruit new governors to join our federation. Could this be you—or do you know someone who might be interested? If so, please share this information!

The role of **Parent Governor** can be fulfilled by a **parent or grandparent** of a child at the school. This is an incredibly valuable role offering you the chance to make a real difference by providing practical support and contributing to strategic decision-making.

Each governor takes a lead in a specific area, and we are currently seeking someone to serve as our **SEND and Inclusion Lead Governor**.

Governors can give as much time as they wish, but as a minimum, you would:

- Attend one full governing board meeting each half term (One meeting at Tipton St John Primary and one meeting at Feniton Primary, 6.30pm, Mondays)
- Meet with the Head of Schools once a term for about an hour to champion the needs of our most vulnerable children, contribute to the development of our SEND Policy and monitor the effectiveness of our Behaviour and Attendance Policies. (This time can be negotiated for a time in the school day that suits you).

Full training is provided for all aspects of governance as required.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact the school office on **01404 812943**.

Not keen on SEND and Inclusion? No problem! We have flexibility in how responsibilities are shared across the Board, so please get in touch—we'd love to hear from you.

Kind regards,

**Amanda Fulford**  (Ctrl) ▾

## **Parent Class Reps**

We had our first meeting this week which was a very useful, constructive time. I will update you on a few actions we will be taking as a result of this.

We are always looking for ways to improve communication, so do let them know if you have ideas, or feedback (good or bad).

Hazel—Angela Hay

Maple—Nicola Archer

Willow—Julie Griffin

Oak - Ali Williams